

# Farmington News

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## Dutson, Ritz & Young Victorious

Thank you to all residents who voted in the City's municipal election on November 6! Voter turnout was at 48.59%. City officials appreciate your active effort to ensure strong, representative leadership.

Congratulations to the three successful candidates: Rick Dutson with 2,596 votes; Sid Young with 2,424 votes; and Cory Ritz with 2,139 votes. Their four-year term will begin on January 8, 2008.

Thanks also to Joel Cook, Carmen Samuelson, and Jim Taylor. By engaging in the election process, these individuals heightened residents' awareness of and concern about the issues Farmington faces. All candidates are to be commended for running positive campaigns.

Also, to all the poll workers who labored tirelessly from early morning into the night, thank you! It would not be possible to hold an election without you.

## Please Remember

From November 15 to February 29 no vehicle may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00 am to 7:00 am.

## CITY GOVERNANCE



Although not in Farmington, there has been some public contention over the role of Mayor, City Council and City Manager in a few Utah cities during the past couple of years. The public discourse regarding these contentions has created some confusion in elected bodies and amongst citizens. It is also causing the Utah Legislature to examine and consider revisions to State statutes which set forth the allowable forms of City government. To promote a greater understanding amongst Farmington residents, it was deemed prudent to more fully educate Farmington residents on the basic structures of City government. This article is meant to be a summary description.

## Legal Principles

Farmington follows the "Traditional Form" of local government (the form used by a majority of Utah cities). Under the "Traditional Form", the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City, and the

City Council has legislative, administrative and some judicial powers. The City Manager is the City's Chief Administrative Officer, and handles the day-to-day administration of the City.

Whereas the Mayor and City Council Members are all elected officials, the City Manager is appointed and may be dismissed with or without cause by the City Council and the Mayor. The City Manager is therefore under their direction, supervision and control. The City Manager's duties are established by ordinance as adopted by the City Council. To provide a more detailed description of what the Mayor, City Council and City Manager do in Farmington, the following is provided.

## Mayor

(4-year elected term)

Along with the City Council, provides overall leadership of the community.

Conducts City Council meetings, but does not have voting power except in the case of a tie vote by City Council members.

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED for VISIONING, STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE for PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS

City residents often talk about how much they love living in Farmington. Mayor Scott Harbertson and the City Council enjoy hearing these comments and want to keep Farmington an ideal community in which to live and raise a family. To accomplish this, city officials try to be responsive to residents' needs.

We're asking for your help. We are entering a planning process for Farmington's new Parks & Recreation Department (formerly the Leisure Services Department). This process will help us determine the department's priorities and long-range plans. Your input will help us make better decisions.

Open, constructive citizen participation is essential for the planning process to be of value. Citizens interested in joining the dialogue are strongly encouraged to do so. You need only write a letter expressing your interest in participating in Parks, Recreation and Arts planning sessions.

Letters of interest should be sent to City Hall, attention Mayor Harbertson, no later than December 15, 2008. We welcome your ideas. Please take an active role in shaping your future opportunities!

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- YOUTH CITY COUNCIL**
- Applications for Youth City Council will be available at City Hall, at schools, or on the website and are due January 3, 2008.
  - FYCC applicants must currently be in 9th-11th grades and residents of Farmington. It is a great opportunity to serve the community and get to know other kids from Farmington.
  - For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation.
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City Governance continued

Appoints City department heads, Planning Commissioners, and Board of Adjustment members with advice and consent of City Council.

Signs contracts and agreements after approval by the City Council.

Represents the City on regional boards and committees such as Davis County Council of Governments, Wasatch Front Regional Council, etc., and is involved in many state and regional initiatives such as transportation and taxation issues.

Communicates policies of the City to the public.

Negotiates solutions for neighborhood and city problems which are presented to the City Council for approval.

## City Council

(5 elected members with staggered 4-year terms)

Exercises the legislative authority of the City.

Exercises the administrative authority of the City in those cases where the administrative authority has not been delegated to the City Manager.

Acts as policymakers for the City. Policies are most often drafted, presented, evaluated and most of the time, but not always, adopted in the form of ordinances. Ordinances are really the laws of the City. By law they must conform to State and/or Federal law.

Approves the annual budget.

Approves all agreements and contracts.

Hears, weighs and evaluates all comments, opinions and evidence at public hearings.

Assigns City Council committees to complete certain administrative or review tasks and to make recommendations to the Council as a whole.

## City Manager

(Serves at the pleasure of the Governing Body under contract arrangements - no set term)

Serves as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City exercising managerial control of City operations.

Serves as Budget Officer of the City.

Supervises all municipal departments.

Makes recommendations to the Governing Body pertaining to City operations, contracts, organizational structure and policy matters.

Carries out policies of the City Council once adopted.

## Planning Commission

(7 appointed Commissioners serving 4-year staggered terms with one or two appointed alternates)

Serves as an advisory body to the City Council on matters relating to Planning and Zoning.

Applies the adopted Planning and Zoning ordinances of the City to individual land-use applications.

All municipal officers, whether elected or appointed, must conform to the laws and procedures mandated by the Utah State Code. Should you have further questions or would like to make comments, please visit the City's website at [www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov). ■

## FARMINGTON CITY COOKBOOK

Deadline to submit recipes has been extended to December 30, 2007. Call P&R or look on the website for details.



Do you know what percentage of your total property tax bill paid to the Davis County Treasurer's Office is actually distributed to Farmington City?

(look on page 6 for the correct answer)

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2007

Dec 3	MON	Cori Connors' Christmas Benefit Concert Community Arts Center	7:00 pm
Dec 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 5	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Dec 10	MON	3rd Annual Christmas Sing-Along Community Arts Center	7:00 pm
Dec 11	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 12	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Dec 13	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 19	WED	Senior Night Community Arts Center	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Dec 25	TUES	Merry Christmas! City Offices Closed	
Jan 1	TUES	Happy New Year! City Offices Closed	

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Trees should be at your curb by 6:00 am  
Trees over 6 feet tall must be cut in half  
Uncover tree if buried in the snow  
Crews will only make one pass through the city, so please be ready

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

If your routine garbage day falls on Christmas Day or New Years Day, please expect your garbage to be picked up the following day.

Within 48 hours after snow fall stops, citizens are required to remove snow on the public sidewalks fronting their residences.  
More snowplow information is available at [www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov)

## City Information

Scott Harbertson, Mayor  
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## City Council Members

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Paula Alder  
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## City Operations / City Manager

Max Forbush  
[mforbush@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:mforbush@farmington.utah.gov)

## City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....451-2383  
City Manager.....939-9203  
Police Department.....451-5453  
Fire Department.....451-2842  
Public Works Department..451-2624  
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624  
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953  
Building Inspection.....451-2383  
Water Department.....451-2624  
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383  
Historical Museum.....451-4850  
Animal Control.....444-2200  
Garbage .....825-3800  
Benchland Water District...482-4929  
Weber Water District.....771-1677

## After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150  
Emergency .....911

## Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 5:30 pm.

## Planning Commission

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall  
130 North Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025





# PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953

## POOL & PARKS RESERVATIONS

Pool & park reservations will be accepted from Farmington residents beginning Monday, January 7, 2008.

For non-residents, the beginning reservation date is Monday, January 14, 2008.

## Cori Connors' Christmas Benefit Concert

*presented by Whitney Dustin, Miss Farmington*

December 3rd, 7:00 pm in the Community Arts Center

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

All proceeds go to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

## 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

December 10th at 7:00 pm in the Community Arts Center

tickets are free, limit 10 per family

## BALLROOM DANCE

Ballroom Dance classes will continue into the new year! The format has changed, but it will still be a great evening! Check the website for dates and times. Or call 451-0953 for more information.

## SENIOR NIGHT

December 19th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

All seniors are invited to enjoy an evening of entertainment. Bring your friends!

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball is a competitive league for men 17 years or older. Registration begins December 3rd and ends December 7th or when the league fills. Registration fees can be paid at Parks & Recreation. Team fee is \$300. Game nights will be Thursday, played at Farmington JH.

## KARATE

New sessions starting soon, check the website for dates & fees.

## PLAY ON!

ANNIE PRODUCTION WORKSHOP  
Students learn the skills it takes to perform in "Annie." Performance in May.

## YOGA

Great introductory course beginning in January. Check the website for dates and fees.

## FITNESS CLASS

Think ahead! Do you already know what your New Year's resolution will be? Sign up now for the brand new fitness classes taught by Jasmine Sessions, Certified Personal Trainer from Inspire Fitness.

**Senior Fitness** - Tues & Thurs - Jan 8-31 - 11am-12pm

**Adult Total Body Training Monday Class** - Jan 7-28 - 7pm-8pm

**Adult Total Body Training Morning Class** - Tues & Thurs - Jan 8-31 - 6am-7am

**Adult Total Body Training Mid-Day Class** - Tues & Thurs - Jan 8-31 - 10am-11am

## 2008 SEASON COMING SOON!

Some favorites may include "Nun-sense", "Music Man" & "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Get your season tickets before the end of the year for a substantial savings. Great gifts to be enjoyed the entire year. Many packages available.

## Fourth Annual Storytelling Festival

"Amazing Animals" and  
"Incredible Journey"

January 26th, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Community Arts Center

Come in from the cold and listen to local and professional storytellers. \$1.00 per child. Refreshments and make-n-take book provided. To participate or for more information, contact [spaget@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:spaget@farmington.utah.gov)

## Wanted

Instructor for preschool age program for children 2-5. Contact Rich Taylor.

# Gloria Rice

a Life of Simple Abundance



*"Abundance is not something we acquire. It is something we tune into," according to Dr. Wayne Dyer, a renowned author and leader in the field of self-development. That kind of tuning in is something Farmington's Gloria Rice has done for more than eight decades. For Gloria, it's always been easy to find abundance in simple things, like a winter morning over the mountains or a conversation with a neighbor or a cornfield waiting for harvest.*

*As creators of the Farmington newsletter, it was our pleasure to get acquainted with Gloria Rice. We thought you might enjoy listening in on our conversation as we reminisced about Gloria's childhood.*

*Jill:* You've spent over 80 years in Davis County. I imagine your childhood memories from the '20s and '30s are quite a contrast to what your children or grandchildren will look back on.

*Gloria:* As a child, you've got differences between then and growing up now. My Grandfather Harris homesteaded all the land on Hillfield Road. Our home was a big two story red brick home on the corner of Antelope and Hillfield.

My father raised alfalfa and wheat. He worked from daylight 'til dark. And my mother, I don't know how she did it. The men used to sleep up on the flat. They had to start working before daylight. My mother would cook breakfast and my brother-in-law would come down, pick up the food, take it back, then bring the dishes back and pick up the lunch and so on.

*Jill:* So your mother cooked all day?

*Gloria:* Yes, but she had six daughters and we helped her.

*Jill:* That's quite a different lifestyle than we're used to, isn't it?

*Gloria:* Oh yes. And we raised a huge garden, had all kinds of fruit trees. We had cows and pigs. When the wheat wasn't worth anything, my father would raise pigs. We didn't ever go to the store, except for sugar and vanilla. And pineapple and coconut.

*Jill:* So looking back, does it feel mostly like work? Was there still plenty of fun?

*Gloria:* Well, we went to Lagoon once a year on Farm Bureau Days. And we swam in the canal—the Davis-Weber County canal. Most of the time, we wanted to save our nice bathing suits to go to Lagoon, so we wore our bib overalls to swim.

*Jill:* You really had to make your own entertainment, didn't you?

*Gloria:* Well, I had to herd cows. We only had 4 or 5 cows, but I had to take them out and let them eat the grass on the side of the road. I had a cousin—see we had all these cousins and that's what we did, we played "kick the can" and "run

sheepy run"—but when we would herd cows, my cousin would come over and we'd go down and sit on the little ditch bank and let the cows graze. If they got too far, we'd have to go down and shoo them back up. We used to make doll furniture from the purple thistle flowers, you know, sofas and little beds and chairs. That was our entertainment.

*Jill:* So what kinds of toys did you have? You must have had a doll?

*Gloria:* Yes. And a sled. You know, with Hillfield Road, we'd go up and we could go nearly to Layton on our sleighs. And never a car! Never a car!

*Jill:* What wonderful memories.

*Gloria:* Oh yes. I remember my mother always had something that smelled so good when we got home from school, every time. Soup or a roast. We didn't have a lot of fancy stuff from stores, but my mother was an excellent cook.

Another memory I have is of the frosted windows. It used to be colder than it is. You remember the frosted windows?

*Jill:* Yes, and the light would come up...

*Gloria:* And make beautiful patterns. We had this two-story home. Each room had a little place where you could have a pot-bellied stove. My mother said we are not making a fire upstairs. So we warmed bricks and took them to bed with us. That's where I remember the frosted windows because it was so cold.

*Jill:* You've lived a full life, haven't you, one full of simple abundance.

*Gloria:* Living in Farmington...it's the neighbors, and the sidewalks, and the safety. We have a wonderful community.

*Our thanks goes to Gloria Rice for her memories, for her kindness, and for all the lives she has touched over the years.*





## Hiking Season: Over or Just Beginning?

Are you holding onto the last rays of fall sunshine? Trying to catch the last possible hike in the foothills before winter sets in? You're not alone. With Farmington's abundant hiking trails and beautiful scenery, many rush to get that last hike in before the snow flies. An increasing number of others, however, are discovering a well-kept secret. The hills above Farmington are just as accessible and every bit as beautiful in the winter! In fact, those who hike through winter find that the landscape is always breathtaking and remarkably different from day to day. A veritable Winter Wonderland. The air is crisp, the scenery second-to-none and the exercise far better than a stair-walker. The numerous waterfalls above Farmington flow year-round and offer wintertime scenes that would impress National Geographic. And they're right in our backyard and accessible by foot! So rather than beginning the winter with a countdown of days until spring, remember this: no need to wait! Some of the best hiking happens between December and February.

## 17th Annual Frodsham Community Party December 15th

The community is invited to help homeless families and those living in poverty by donating gently used clothing and toys. Volunteers are needed. For more info, call Barbara Frodsham 451-0608.

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